

Resisting generative AI

– A few thoughts –

1. Marketing
2. Scam
3. Hype
4. Refusal
5. Ridicule



Marketing.

“Watching someone
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Marketing. “AI” is a marketing term, not a technical term

“Watching someone use an AI workstation is a vision of what the computer was meant to be.”

1986, Byte Magazine

Explore AI on your PC

Smalltalk/V transforms your PC into a versatile AI workstation

Only Smalltalk/V lets you experience the thrill of a responsive AI workstation while learning artificial intelligence techniques and using them to create practical applications.

“Smalltalk/V gives me the feel of an AI workstation on my PC.”

*—Darryl Rubin,
Technical Editor,
AI Expert
Magazine*

Watching someone use an AI workstation is a vision of what the computer was meant to be. Fingers dance

“We found Smalltalk/V excellent

\$99.00

“Smalltalk/V is the highest performance object-oriented programming system available for PCs.”

*—Dr. Piero Scaruffi
Chief Scientist
Olivetti Artificial Intelligence Center*

Smalltalk/V Features

- High-performance object-oriented programming
- Integrates object-based and rule-based programming with object-oriented Prolog
- A user-extensible, open-ended environment

Scam. The 🍓 incident was not a hallucination



ChatGPT 4o ▾



how many r's are in the word strawberry



There are **two** "r"s in the word "strawberry."



Scam. Generative AI does not do what it says on the tin



Large language models

do not **think**,

do not **lie**,

don't **discuss**,

don't **imagine**, and

don't **hallucinate**.

Algorithms **calculate**.

Chatbots predict the most likely token to occur next in a text.

Scam. This  is not a hallucination

How many Os in guaocamole

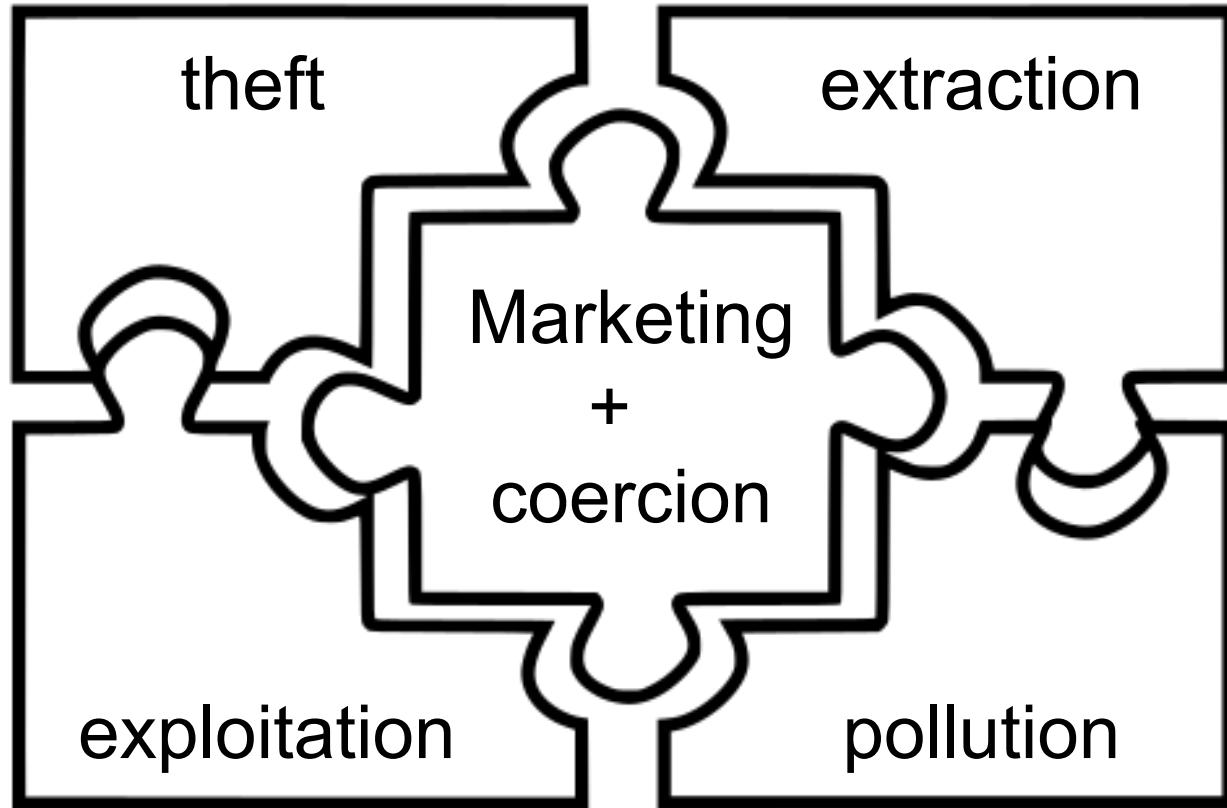
Let's count the O's in exactly what you typed: "guaocamole."

g • u • a • o • c • a • m • o • l • e

There are 2 O's.

(If you meant "guacamole," that spelling also has 2 O's.)

Hype.



Refusal

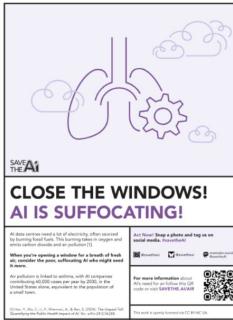
9. We refuse a data regime of ultimatums, coercive permissions, pervasive cookie collecting, and blocked access. Not everyone can safely refuse or opt out without consequence or further harm. We commit to **“no” being a real option in all online interactions** with data-driven products and platforms and to enacting a new type of data regime that knits the “no” into its fabric.

<https://www.manifestno.com/>



<https://mastodon.social/@savetheAI/14756332519468408>

Ridicule.



Save the AI
@savetheAI@mastodon.social

Le CHAT ou le CHATgpt?

By simply letting your car

By simply setting your cat go thirsty for a week, you can save enough water to generate an image of a cat drinking from a water faucet. (Not this one. This one is real.)

#SavetheAI and think carefully next time your cat wants to drink water.

savethe.ai/water

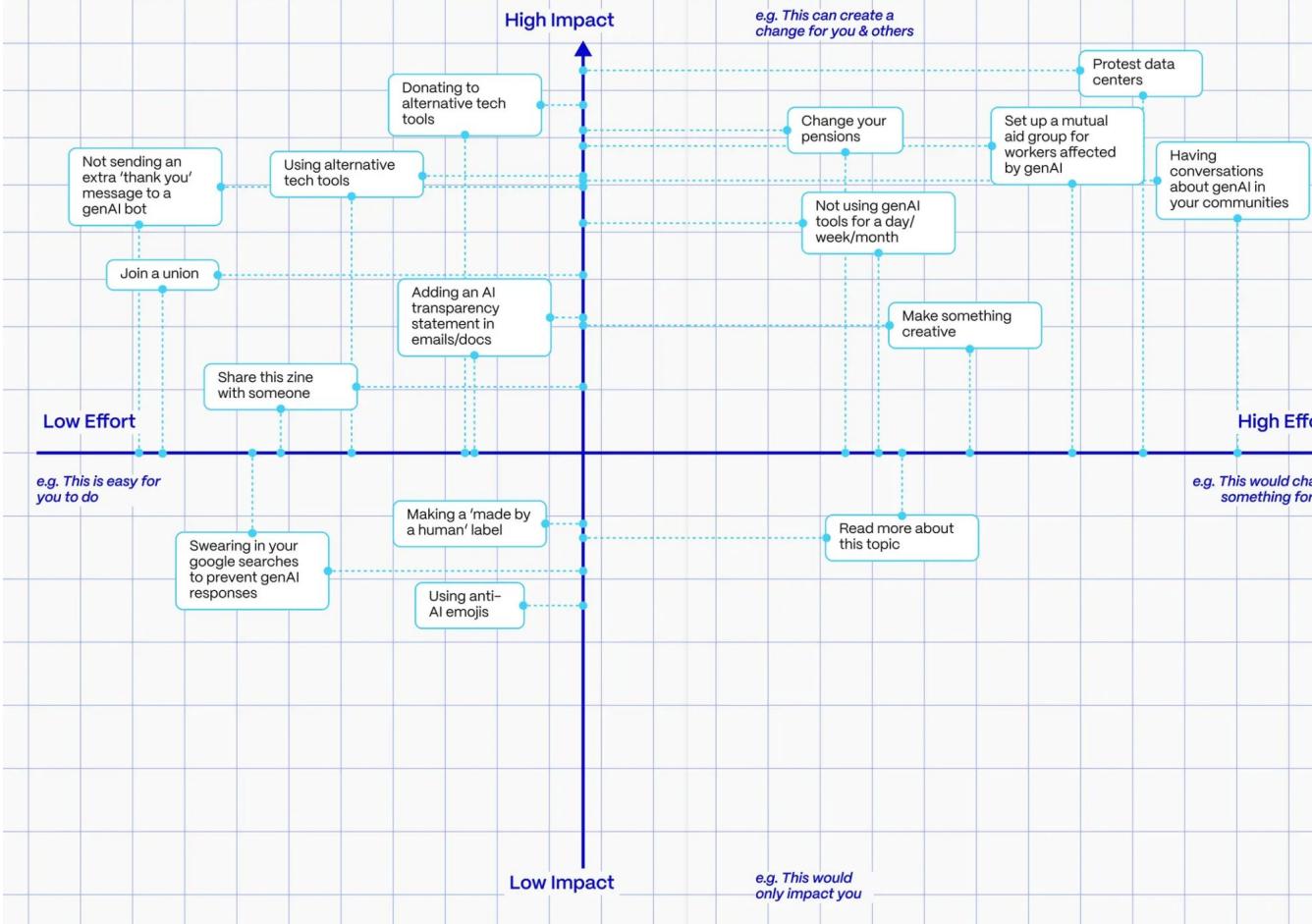


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<https://savethe.ai/>



AI-Z: Conversations about resistance and generative AI
<https://zines.dair-institute.org/ai-z>